

May 12, 2023

To the Members of the General Assembly

Ladies and Gentlemen:

On May 12, 2023, the Honorable Wes Moore, Governor; the Honorable Bill Ferguson, President of the Senate; and the Honorable Adrienne A. Jones, Speaker of the House of Delegates, signed the following pieces of legislation, which you passed:

SB 554 The President (By Request – Administration), et al

Chapter 612 MARYLAND NATIONAL GUARD – TRICARE PREMIUM
REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT (HEALTH
CARE FOR HEROES ACT OF 2023)

Establishing the Tricare Premium Reimbursement Program in the Military Department for the Department to award grants to reimburse certain members of the National Guard for the cost of premiums for certain health care and dental care plans; and requiring the Department to adopt regulations to administer and implement the program.

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HB 554 The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al

Chapter 613 INCOME TAX – SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION FOR MILITARY
RETIREMENT INCOME (KEEP OUR HEROES HOME ACT)

Increasing the amount of a certain subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for certain military retirement income received by individuals under the age of 55 years to \$12,500 and individuals at least 55 years of age to \$20,000 during the taxable year for certain military service; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 2022.

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EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023
- HB 480**
Chapter 615 **Delegate Rogers, et al**
DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS – BURIAL IN STATE VETERANS’ CEMETERIES – SPOUSES AND DEPENDENTS
Requiring the Department of Veterans Affairs to bury the eligible spouse or dependent of a veteran in a State veterans’ cemetery without charge.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023
- SB 286**
Chapter 616 **Senator Simonaire, et al**
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EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023
- SB 354**
Chapter 617 **Senator Gile, et al**
INCOME TAX CHECKOFF – MARYLAND VETERANS TRUST FUND
Establishing a certain income tax checkoff for voluntary contributions to the Maryland Veterans Trust Fund; and requiring, for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2024, the Comptroller to include a checkoff on individual income tax return forms for voluntary contributions to the Fund and to include certain information in each individual income tax return package.
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- HB 316** **Delegate Bagnall, et al**
Chapter 618 **INCOME TAX CHECKOFF – MARYLAND VETERANS TRUST FUND**

Establishing a certain income tax checkoff for voluntary contributions to the Maryland Veterans Trust Fund; requiring the Comptroller to include certain information in each individual income tax return package; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023
- HB 1162** **Delegate Griffith, et al**
Chapter 619 **STUDY ON THE UTILIZATION OF THE EXPEDITED LICENSING PROCESS FOR SERVICE MEMBERS, VETERANS, AND MILITARY SPOUSES**

Requiring the Maryland Department of Labor, in consultation with the Department of Veterans Affairs, to conduct a study on the utilization of the expedited licensing process for service members, veterans, and military spouses for certain occupational and professional licenses in the State; and requiring the Maryland Department of Labor, in consultation with the Department of Veterans Affairs, to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by June 30, 2024.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023
- HB 726** **Delegate Feldmark, et al**
Chapter 620 **MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – AUTISM WAIVER – MILITARY FAMILIES**

Requiring, unless the child’s family requests that the child be removed, that a child on the registry for the Autism Waiver remain on the registry if the child’s family relocates out of the State for military service; and providing that if a child on the registry for the Waiver becomes eligible for services while the child’s family is out of the State for military service, the child shall be eligible for services through the Waiver if the family relocates to the State.
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SB 231

Chapter 621

Senator Beidle, et al

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Sincerely,

Victoria L. Gruber
Executive Director